



John R. Reish Jr.

October 17, 2009

John R. Reish Jr., 68, of Delaware, formerly of Clarion, died in an automobile accident Saturday, October 17, 2009, in Bigler, Clearfield County, while on his way back from the Penn State football game to Clarion.

Born February 19, 1941, in Lock Haven, he was the son of John R. Reish Sr. and Arvilla White Reish.

He was married on November 30, 1963 to the former Jane Turner, who survives.

Mr. Reish graduated from the Dover Delaware High School. He also graduated from the Lock Haven Teachers College where he played football. He was a former Clarion Area High School health and physical education teacher, where he was also athletic director and coached wrestling and football. He also taught and coached football at Dallastown High School from 1963-1969. He was offensive line and special teams coach for the Clarion University's football team from 1977-1994.

Mr. Reish was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover, DE.

He was also a member of the Northwest Mountain Coaches Association and American Legion Post 66.

Mr. Reish was an avid Penn State and Steelers fan. He enjoyed music, dancing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Amy Hurrelbrink and husband, Tom, of Miola; Lara Bellistri and husband, Joe, of Bethany Beach,

DE; and Brock Reish and wife, Amy, of Akron, OH; grandchildren, Hannah, Finnegan, and Lena Bellistri of Bethany Beach, DE; and step grandchild, Caroline Bellistri of France.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Deborah Ellsworth.

Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at Noon on Saturday, October 24, 2009, in the funeral home.

The family requests that memorials and donations be made to the Clarion Area High School Library, 219 Liberty Street Clarion PA 16214; South Coastal Library, 43 Kent Avenue Bethany Beach DE 19930; Wesley United Methodist Church, 209 South State Street Dover DE 19901; or to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Brock and family, I am so sorry about your loss. You will all be in my thoughts. He was a great teacher and coach.

Amy (Hetrick) Rouze - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Jane & Family,
We were deeply saddened to learn of Coach's passing. He was an outstanding coach, teacher, and family man. I always held him in very high esteem. It was great to see you both at ALF.

Amy, Lara, Brock,
I lost my father 3 years ago and still miss him every day; cherish the special memories of a great guy.

You are all in our thoughts.

Rick & Lynn Grejda

Rick & Lynn Grejda - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jane, Amy, Lara and Brock,
I was deeply saddened to read of John's sudden passing. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Take care.

Cris Lewis-Serich - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Hi Jane:

Lois and I were saddened, no crushed, to get the news about John's passing. We know that you've made the move to Delaware, had everything "set" and now this.

We were talking about John and you this evening, and couldn't get over the change in events.

*God bless,
Lois & Dick*

Lois & Dick Stump - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *So sorry for this terrible loss. I will always remember John with a smile on my face. He was so kind to a young teacher. Made me feel like part of the gang. Take care of yourselves. I never see him but I will miss him. He's probably telling God a joke and dancing with an angel.*

jeff and cheryl eyrich - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *To Lara and family My condolences on your lost. Coach Reish was a great man and a great coach. He always made me laugh. Tim Smith and family
Clarion University 87-91*

Tim Smith - October 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Jane and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the tragic and untimely passing of John. Our years of working together at Clarion bring great memories. We will miss his friendship and joy for life.

*Sincerely,
Dave and Joan Weible*

David and Joan Weible - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Jane, my sincere condolences to you and your family. I have great memories of John as my room-mate and TKE fraternity brother at Lock Haven and as best man in your wedding. You are in my thoughts and prayers every day.

Ed Beaver - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Coach you were always a positive inspiration to all of us. We will miss you. Thanks for everything and being a positive role model for me.

Tim Hoden - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I did not know coach Reish that well since I was a defensive player but I do know that we are all part of the Clarion family.

My sympathy goes to coach's family. These tough times will be replaced with good memories. Rest in peace, Coach.

Mike May - October 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jane and family, I am so happy I got to see your husband and dad at homecoming. He was one of my favorite people. I love how he would always tease me and others. I miss him. I will say several prayers for all of you. He was classy!

bob beatty - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jane and family,
Gary, Doug, Amy, and I want to send our deepest sympathy to you in the sudden passing of John. We think of you fondly as our former neighbors in Clarion. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary

Mary Morford - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Jane, Amy, Lara and Brock and grandchildren-- you know how much John meant to me and the rest of the 1959 class from Dover. We will always remember him as a bouncy kind of guy who was always smiling and enjoying life to the fullness and who was always bragging about his grandchildren. We will really miss him on Saturday and we will say a prayer for you and your family at the reunion. He will be watching over all of us and telling everyone to enjoy the reunion and that he will see us up there in heaven in the future.

Cathy Bythway - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dear Mrs. Reish and Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Coach Reish will always be remembered fondly.

Greg Rhoads

Greg Rhoads - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Jane, Amy, Lara, & Brock: Sending heartfelt thoughts and prayers to your family during this time of heartbreak. I will always have fond memories of babysitting for your family, and having John as a teacher in high school. He was definitely “one of a kind”, and the thing that will make me smile when I remember him, is how much he LOVED to dance. May God bless your family with strength, and comfort you with His never-ending love.

Sarah Spittler - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Jane and family, Our deep sympathy is extended to you at the time of this terrible tragedy. What a loss for so many! May memories of John help sustain you in the months and years ahead.

Harold and Carolyn Hartley - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Reish family. Mr. Reish's drive and spirit guided many student athletes to be the best. His efforts will always be remembered.*

*-David L Lambert
Orlando, Florida
(Class of 1989, Clarion Area High School; Clarion PA)*

David L Lambert - October 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Jane, Broch and family. My heart goes out to your family in this time of such pain and disbelief. Remember the good times and all that he gave to his family and community.*

PATTI GOODMAN - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Jane,
Please accept our heart felt condolance on your sad loss.*

Tom Reed

Tom & Sally Reed - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I played football with John in high school. He was a great guy. I am so sorry th hear of his untimely death. Our 50th high school class reunion prevents me from attending his funeral. I am very sorry about that.*

John Schmittinger - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Thinking of you all and hoping you'll be comforted by lots of family, friends, and wonderful memories. I will always remember Coach Reish either smiling or laughing. God bless.
Margie

Margie Nanz - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Harry and I are so sorry to hear of your loss, and we send our deepest sympathy and our prayers.

Gail Adler - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I was shocked and dismayed to hear of John's death. My wife Judy and I are enroute to the Dover High School 50th high school reunion and were looking forward to seeing him there. He was a great guy and we are really sorry to hear of his death. Our deepest condolences.

Trey and judy Smith

Trey Smith - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Jane,
My depest and heartfelt condolences to you and your family on your loss. May your faith help you through this time of sorrow.
Fondly,
Steve Ranzer

Steve Ranzer - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Jane and family,
Dale and I will be out of town this weekend but you have our
sympathy. We are very sorry for your loss.*

Dale & Judy Fiscus - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Very sorry to hear this news.
Coach Reish was a great guy both on and off the field.
He will be missed.*

W. David McLaughlin - October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *You were in our prayers this morning at staff meeting. May God's
blessings rest upon you at this time.*

Wesley Church Staff - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Reish Family during this
tragic time. Coach Reish had a impact on the players he coached.
All enjoyed his style as he pushed us to be the best we could be.
Coach, you will be missed greatly.*

Jess Quinn - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *My condolences go out to Brock and his family. You are in my
prayers.*

Maria (Pierucci) Hasetta - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our hearts go out to you at this time. May God be with you today and always.

Linda @ Diana from Holiday Inn - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My family and I are deeply saddened by the loss of a great person and teacher who touched the lives of so many people who considered him a husband, father, grandfather and friend. My prayers go out to him and those who mourn his passing.

John, you will be missed.

Rob - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Jane and family,

W. LeRoy Jones - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Mr. Reish was a great gym teacher and person. Brock, our prayers are with you and the entire family. He will be missed.

Eric, Suzanne, C.J. and Brooke Williamson

Eric Williamson - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ We send our deepest sympathy.. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers..It is such a terrible loss..

Ella & Ron Croy - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

T#

“ My deepest sympathy to Coach Reish family. I recall fond memories of our 1977 Championship season at Clarion State. I was a starting offensive running back and had the pleasure to work with Coach during blocking drills. I will surely keep him and his family in my prayers. God Bless!!

Tim Krizan #25 - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Mr. Reisch was one of the most influential teachers and coach that I had at CAHS. He made an extreme impact in my life and I know that he will be missed. Your family is in my prayers.

Arnie Wadding - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Jane, Amy, Lara, and Brock,

I am so sorry to hear of your John's accident and passing. You are all in my prayers. Many years ago I enjoyed babyditting all 3 of you kids. Amy, I can still remember when you broke your leg...what a time that was.

Enjoy all the memories you have and hold them close to your heart....that will help you all through this tough time. My prayers are with all of you and your families....Thea Worrell Nixon

Thea Worrell Nixon - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Coach Reish. I will always remember John as a great guy, and a lot of fun to be around! He will be missed. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Steve Ketner - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My condolences to the Family. May God be with you.*

John P. Reish - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Brock and family, Be strong and celebrate the great times had with your dad and great person John was. My deepest sympathies..*

Jay Goodman - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *Mr. Reish was a fantastic teacher and coach. I'm sure he was a loving husband and father to his wife and children and grandchildren. I am thinking and praying for all of you at this difficult time.*

gwen dolby eaker - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dear Jane & family, We are so very sorry to hear of John's death. Our prayers for God's comfort during this extremely difficult time go out for you. John was a "larger than life" character, and we'll remember him with a smile always.*

Dena & Chuck Kahle - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *To the Reish family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. I lived beside the Reish family for a year when I attended college in Clarion. He was a kind man who will be deeply missed. May the Lord be with you in your time of sorrow.

*Bob and Amber Hackbarth
Bruin, PA*

Bob and Amber Hackbarth - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. A great coach and a great guy.

Greg and Lynn Toth - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Bridget Laughlin - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My deepest condolences to the Reish family. I considered it a privilege to have worked with John and high school wrestling at Clarion HS and CUP for all those many years. His positive impact and influence will be greatly missed by all.

Terry Hoover - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ We were so sorry to hear of John's untimely death. We were so looking forward to seeing both of you again next year. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Allan & Delia Alter - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCE TO MOM AMY LIL SISTER AND BROTHER. YOUR father was a great person, always enjoyed talking to him. We send our prayers he will be missed greatly. He was a great man. rip coach

JACK & ELLEN MCCULLOUGH - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ I am writing to extend my deepest sympathy on your loss. I cannot imagine how hard it must be to walk through something so sad. I promise to keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers through these difficult days. I am so sorry!

Faith King - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ May the grace of God comfort you all during this tragic time. Coach had a very positive impact on myself and my teammates. He always found a way to teach and inspire us to be better. Coach, you will be missed but not forgotten.

Russell Klein - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Lara, my deepest sympathies on your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless.
Tonya Todero (ASA sister to Lara)

tonya todero - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the Reish Family: Mr. Reish was a good man, teacher, coach and much more. His loss will be felt by many. My sincerest condolences. God Bless

Rod Showers - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My condolences on your loss. Mr Reish was one great guy. He was always honest and pushed us for our very best. His loss will be deeply felt as he has touched so many.

Sean Milligan - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My deepest sympathies for your loss. He was a great guy and great teacher. Jay*

Jay Lavelly - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Many of John's Golden Eagle players are praying and remembering with fondness what Coach gave them.*

*Bo Garritano
Chairman Clarion Football Alumni*

Bo Garritano - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire Reish family. Mr. Reish taught one of my health classes and his personality is definitely one of a kind. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Andrea Girvan - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mr. Reish was our HS gym teacher. Our deepest sympathy to his family at this difficult time. He will be missed but fondly remembered by many.*

Michael, Mark, Scott and Bob Martin - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *My deepest sympathies on your sudden loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Tonya Todero (ASA sister to Lara)*

tonya todero - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *My family and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to your family.
May God Bless you during this very difficult time.*

Laura (Tower) Hunt - October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM